

PRESS NOTE
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT, MIZORAM

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PALA DIL LEH A CHHEHVEL (PALA WETLAND)
RAMSAR SITE AH PUAN A NI

Ni 26.7.2022 (Thawhlehi) khan Pala dil leh a chheh vel (Pala Wetland) chu India ram hmun dang a wetland pali (4) te nen Ramsar site (khawvel pum a wetland pawimawh bik) a puan a ni. Hei hi thil chhinchhiah tlak bik leh Mizoram a a vawikhatna a nih avangin ramngaw leh nungcha humhalhna kawngah rilru thar leh phurna thar min put tirtu a nih ngei beisei a ni.

Pala wetland hi MADC huamchhung, Phura khaw bula awm a ni a, thing leh mau leh nungcha-ah a hausak mai bakah hmun danga hmuh tur awm zen zen tawh lo te pawh an awm avangin Sawrkar laipua Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change kaitlangin Ramsar Secretariat ah 'Ramsar site' atan rawt a ni a, tehna hrang hranga an lo teh hnuah pawm a ni ta a ni.

Pala dil hi tuipui zawl (sea level) atanga 274 meters a sang a awm a ni a, dil leh a chhehvel sq.km. 24 hi Reserved Forest niin Ramngaw, kum tluana hring reng (semi-evergreen forest) in a hual vel a. Sava chi hrang hrang, bawk vaka kal chi (reptiles) chi hrang hrang, nauban leh thing chi hrang hrang a tam bakah sava pem chi thenkhat ten an tlawh thin bawk.

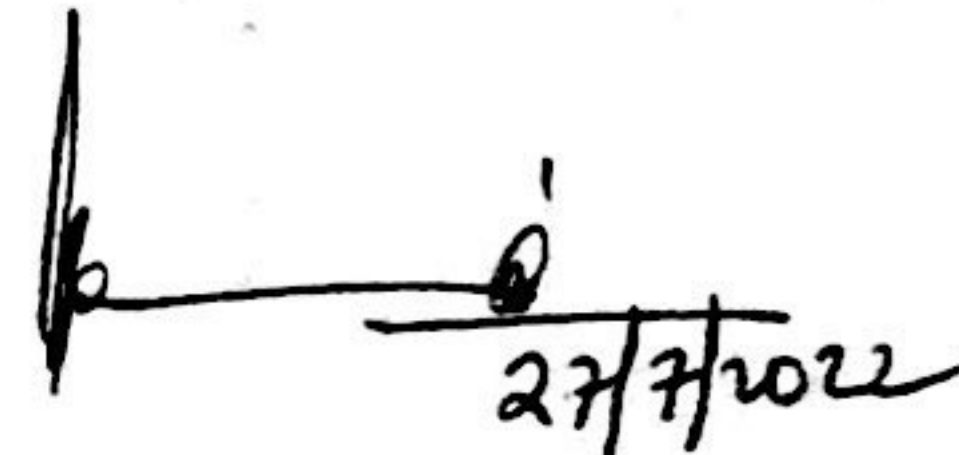
Wetland awmzia chu hmun hnawng, tuiin a chim reng emaw, a chim fo thin tihna a ni. Thing leh mau leh nungcha tinrengah an hausa in tui hna siam leh tih thianghlim kawngah an thawhhlawk hle thin. Mizoram hian hetiangah hmun hnawng (wetland) hi kan nei nual a, tunah hian wetland pahnih - Tamdil leh Pala te hi State Board for Wildlife kaihhruaina hnuaiah a chhehvel mipui te nen tang hovin Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department (EF&CC) chuan a enkawl mek a ni. Wetland hi a pawimawh em avangin EF&CC Department chuan a tam thei ang ber enkawl leh humhalh turin tan a la mek bawk.

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Press Note: Declaration of Pala Wetland as Ramsar Site

Ramsar Secretariat has recognized Pala Wetland as Ramsar site i.e. Wetland of international importance along with 4 other Indian Wetlands. This landmark and historical moment for the State will definitely provide a new energy and momentum to preserve and conserve the unique biodiversity, environment & forest of the State for better quality of life.

Pala Wetland which is located in MADC was recommended by the State Government to the Ramsar Secretariat through Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India for its due recognition as Ramsar site considering its uniqueness in terms of its associated habitat and unique flora and fauna around the wetland.

The Pala lake is situated at an altitude of 274 mtrs above mean sea level. The catchment area covering 24 sq km is a reserve forest with unique feature of fresh water lake believed to be formed due to tectonic activity. The Wetland reserve is dominated by dense semi-evergreen forest which is home to diverse species of birds, various species of reptiles, orchids, other endangered plants and animals including Hoollock gibbon, Slow loris, reticulated python, Oriental darter, Eels fish, *Dendrobium*, *Symbidium*, *Renanthera*, *Rhyncostylis*, *Dipterocarpus*, *Dysoxylum*, *Shorea*, *Mesua ferrea* etc. The Wetland is also regularly visited by migratory birds like Snow white Kingfisher etc.

Keeping in mind the wide-ranging immeasurable life forms support by the Pala Wetland, all-inclusive significance and for holding immense ecological importance, it was agreed to recommend for the Ramsar site.

As we know Wetlands as unique productive ecosystem where terrestrial and aquatic habitats meet. Wetlands play a critical role in maintaining many natural cycles and supporting a wide range of biodiversity. They purify and replenish water and provide opportunities for recreation and aesthetic appreciation of the nature. The State of Mizoram has been blessed with number of wetlands along with its unique and diverse flora and fauna. Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has been maintaining two Wetlands namely; Pala and Tamdil with the active support of stakeholders under the overall guidance of State Board for Wildlife, Mizoram. Department is also contemplating on recognizing many other important wetlands of the State for its conservation considering their uniqueness and importance.